Chief Minister (**Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai**):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) But the factory is proposed to be opened at Alwaye.

(*c*) Does not arise.

FIRST GRADE OVERSEERS

*65. [70] **Sri. K. S. Joseph:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Works and Communications be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the qualifications prescribed for appointment as I Grade Overseers in the Electrical Department;

(*b*) whether anybody who does not possess the prescribed qualifications is now working as I Grade Overseer;

(*c*) whether persons working in the Work Establishment are given preference over those on the permanent establishment where qualifications are the same;

(*d*) whether persons with higher qualifications and longer period have represented against the appointment of less qualified persons as I Grade Overseers; and

(*e*) whether Government propose to correct this state of affairs?

Minister for Public Works, Communication and Agriculture (**Sri. E. John Philipose**):

1. Diploma in Electrical Engineering of a recognised Institution; or
2. Diploma of a technical School after a 3 years study course and 5 years experience in Electrical Engineering; or
3. E.S.L.C. or its equivalent and a certificate from a recognised Technical School and ten years experience in an Electrical Engineering undertaking; or
4. Final or Intermediate Grade Examination of the City and Guilds Institute, London, after five years experience in an electric supply undertaking.

(*b*) Yes. There is one instance.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) & (*e*) Yes. But promotions are given on the basis of seniority and possession of the prescribed qualification. No preferential treatment is given to a person with higher qualification vis-a-vis one with the prescribed qualification.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

*66. [75] **Sri. Paul Thaliath:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Industries be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Cottage Industries Committee has submitted its report;

(*b*) if so, will the same be placed on the table;

(*c*) if not, when the report will be ready;

(*d*) whether any time limit has been fixed for submitting the report; and

(*e*) the total expenditure so far incurred in connection with this Committee?

Minister for Industries, Excise and Local Self Government (**Sri. N. Kunjuraman**):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) The report is expected by about next February.

(*d*) No. The Committee has expressed its hope to submit the report by about next February.

(*e*) Rs. 7,971 up to the 12th October.

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